by this Ministry. Ex-servicemen status to ex-army personnel is given primarily from the point of view of re-employment whereas CPMF personnel retire at the age of 57 years which is higher than that of army personnel and as such they cannot be equated to Ex-Army personnel. As regards demand for CSD canteen facilities, this Ministry duly examined it in consultation with Ministry of Defence. However, it has not been possible to extend the said facility to CPMF personnel due to resource constraints. However, in the matter of allotment of Petrol Pump/ LPG outlets, disabled/NOKs of CPMF personnel killed in action have since been made eligible and they are being accorded certain priority, which is similar to that of defence personnel.

Foreign students in Madarasas

†2580. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign students are also studying in Madarasas being run in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to restrict the number of such students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) As a policy, foreign students are not granted visas to study in Madarasas in the country. However, there are reports that some foreigners coming on short term visas join various Madarasas in the country for religious studies. Wherever such cases come to notice, action against the foreigners concerned is taken by the State Governments under the appropriate laws. Foreigners can come to India for theological studies only in the recognised universities/institutions for which

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

missions have been advised to grant visas only after careful screening and scrutiny of the applications.

Projects sanctioned for AP

2581. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has sanctioned any projects for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what results were achieved from these projects in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has so far sanctioned a total of 235 projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh. During the last three years, IREDA has sanctioned 93 projects with an aggregate capacity of 252.29 MW and coal saving capacity of 76873 metric tonnes per annum, out of which 39 projects with an aggregate capacity of 85.5 MW and coal saving capacity of 60500 metric tonnes per annum have been commissioned. The year-wise details of the projects sanctioned are given in the Statement.